

Room: 8-B201

~~RE: CC-Budget No. 00-423~~

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

JUL 27 2007

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

I am a deaf person and I use Video Relay Service (VRS) to communicate. I was appalled to learn that the FCC staff is intent on drastically cutting the VRS rate, and effectively cutting VRS availability for the deaf. Instead of seeking to limit the number of deaf people with VRS access, the FCC should do everything in its power to make VRS available to more deaf people.

I, along with other Deaf individuals, use these services in both my work and personal life. It is an important way in which I/we communicate with both hearing and deaf individuals. I urge you to do everything you can to make VRS service available to the many deaf people who currently do not have access to this vital, life-changing service.

The VRS rate should encourage the VRS providers to:

- Serve more deaf people, not discourage them from reaching out to more deaf people
- Provide interpreter training programs so that there will be an adequate number of qualified interpreters for VRS and the local Deaf communities
- Provide service and technology improvements, such as the development of new videophone equipment, fulfilling the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandate of functionally equivalent telecommunications services

I, along with other deaf individuals, their families and coworkers, depend on VRS and other relay services.

Please stop any VRS program cuts and fulfill the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide deaf people with functionally equivalent telecommunications services.

Sincerely,

Brenda Bayler

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Johnny R. Evans

To FCC

June 20, 2007
Tuesday

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JUN 28 2007

My name is Teresa

FCC-MAIL ROOM
Emery

We were shocked why VRS will close ~~or~~ cut before deadline on June 30, 2007. There is no reason why. I have alot reason to call VRS to school, doctor, lawyer, family and work.

① Please we are not cut VRS program.

② No, ~~we~~ cannot live without VRS.

③ No thank you, we don't want TDD/TTY. ~~VRS~~
TDD/TTY are very hard to communc

VRS still keep go and wonderful job.

Thank you
Teresa + Patrick Emery

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Washington, D.C.

We are writing on behalf of the many
Deaf people who don't want to cut
the Interpreters on Video Phone.

They want them to stay on Video
Phone; they don't want to use the TTY.
They want Soeerson video Relay Service.

"Thank you."

Mr. & Mrs. William C. Young